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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE, DIA INFO JERUSALEM, TEL AVIV,  
USCINCEUR FROM BEIRUT NOV 26 REPEATED YOU:

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S E C R E T BEIRUT 13451

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IS, LE

SUBJECT: ISRAELI POW'S

REF: BEIRUT 13431

1. RELIABLE SENIOR LEBANESE ARMY OFFICER TELLS US THAT AT NOV. 23  
MEETING OF MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION, IDF REP ACCEPTED  
LEBANESE EXCUSE THAT ALGIERS SUMMIT PREVENTED IMMEDIATE RETURN  
OF TWO ISRAELI PILOTS, BUT THEN GAVE LEBANESE SPECIFIC DEADLINE OF  
DEC. 4 TO RELEASE THEM. IDF REP POINTED OUT THAT EGYPT HAS ALREADY  
RETURNED ALL POW'S SO THERE NO VALID EXCUSE FOR LEBANESE NOT DOING  
LIKEWISE. ISRAELIS PRESSED FOR SPEEDY ACTION ON GROUNDS

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THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN ARABS AND ISRAEL MIGHT TURN WORSE,

POSSIBLY WITH RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES, AND THIS WOULD  
OCCASSION FUTHER REQUESTS FOR DELAY BY LEBANESE. THEREFORE  
IT IMPERATIVE GOL RELEASE PRISONERS BY DEC. 4 AT LATEST.

2. COMMENT: AL SENIOR LEBANESE OFFICIALS ARE PRESENTLY IN  
ALGIERS. WE WILL TRY TO ASCERTAIN LEBANESE POSITION ON RELEASE OF  
POW'S WHEN THEY RETURN.  
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